

DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MAY 1980

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

		Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	April	5,709	6,743	18,255	32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	209	249		
	May	8,209	6,901		40.7	8,261	7,848	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235		
	June	7,087	6,752		34.5	8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246		
1979-80	July	6,513	6,424	24,667	36.5	8,977	7,802	30,611	24,805	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241		
	August	6,853	7,140		39.4	8,991	7,967	30,228	25,225	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272		
	September	7,384	7,359		33.5	8,026	7,925	26,762	24,731	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301		
	October	8,353	7,116	26,550	38.4	7,911	7,858	25,885	25,134	734	686	461	444	45.0	37.5	324	268		
	November	8,418	7,181		32.9	7,510	7,972	23,328	25,529	674	711	476	437	42.4	37.0	349	294		
	December	5,344	7,294		28.1	7,381	8,028	21,930	25,660	749	740	422	443	28.8	34.4	291	310		
	January	5,854	7,633	n.y.a.	22.1	7,366	8,124	21,433	26,782	763	718	309	456	11.1	30.7	115	254		
	February	5,647	5,186		132.9	7,414	8,044	22,369	26,159	658	674	474	463	34.6	34.2	272	290		
	March	7,202	7,105		35.4	7,824	8,115	24,503	27,178	628	611	449	434	33.6	32.0	283	270		
	April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	17.2	8,068	18,068	25,905	27,264	529	542	448	452	26.7	28.2	248	274		
	May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		8.180	7,797	8,180	30,516	29,045	488	462	481	456	35.6	30.7	267	293		
	June	n.y.a.	n.y.a.																

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

		Cotton woven cloth (excl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (excl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	April	2,766	3,332	511	587	10,156	199	218	248.7	290	461	32,642	73.1	21,989	21,936		
	May	3,599	3,442	617	582	13,802	216	195	252.1	243	474	32,935	73.5				
	June	4,491	3,837	598	681	13,868	182	181	255.3	231	479	23,386	71.6				
1978-80	July	3,921	3,804	711	712	13,765	190	185	259.2	312	478	43,007	74.8	23,099	23,013		
	August	4,091	3,246	755	719	13,479	214	208	261.5	484	512	79,058	76.9				
	September	4,925	4,536	719	750	12,021	211	215	263.3	617	501	86,068	75.9				
	October	3,745	3,254	885	709	14,870	237	213	266.6	726	457	117,187	73.4	24,311	24,438		
	November	3,659	3,092	989	835	13,159	202	191	269.3	709	456	89,906	74.5				
	December	3,544	4,479	683	796	9,514	165	187	272.2	633	443	148,544	75.1				
	January	1,630	4,192	435	790	5,895	181	191	276.3	530	432	(d)21,448	(d)69.9	25,209	25,237		
	February	3,476	3,083	908	775	11,666	176	174	283.1	421	440	36,800	73.2				
	March	3,207	3,308	900	824	12,168	167	164	285.2	345	422	137,351	70.7				
	April	2,900	3,424	775	777	10,587	203	212	286.0	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	38,014	74.4				
	May	3,509	3,077	673	703	13,140	202	191	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.				
	June																

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.0. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Affected by major industrial dispute.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (b) \$m		Export price index (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79											
April	1,248	1,251	1,120	1,215	2,607	2,213	156	-260	353	3,677	3,610
May	1,495	1,395	1,318	1,249			159	-164	225	3,824	3,758
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,370			161	-211	237	3,885	3,824
1979-80											
July	1,399	1,384	1,227	1,135	2,560	2,008	161	-196	67	3,865	3,814
August	1,299	1,245	1,325	1,232			162	-249	26	3,667	3,708
September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200			164	65	-260	3,858	3,893
October	1,635	1,584	1,476	1,347	2,923	2,184	169	-39	-64	4,106	4,129
November	1,679	1,612	1,371	1,317			172	-1	16	4,148	4,174
December	1,561	1,662	1,167	1,299			174	35	-193	4,614	4,634
January	1,741	1,677	1,621	1,492	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	179	-231	445	6,386	6,453
February	1,620	1,661	1,445	1,511			183	-91	254	6,495	6,477
March	1,609	1,794	1,331	1,395			185	-60	-26	5,627	5,632
April	1,621	1,586	1,277	1,335	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	183	-37	-47	5,225	4,994
May	1,546	1,478	1,472	1,489			n.y.a.	-326	580	5,271	n.y.a.

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.
(c) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales (a)														New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m
Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food and drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.										
1978-79																		
April	2,098	2,234	3,216	3,290	2,259	2,235	1,089	1,164	36.2	37.8	8.8	9.4			3,016			
May	2,348	2,262							45.4	40.1	10.6	9.2			3,029			
June	2,151	2,232							40.0	39.6	9.8	9.1			3,034			
1979-80																		
July	2,182	2,329	3,310	3,423	2,192	2,294	1,127	1,195	44.5	42.4	10.4	9.4			3,047			
August	2,322	2,320							43.7	39.8	9.7	9.1			3,030			
September	2,182	2,325							36.3	38.6	8.8	9.6			3,023			
October	2,334	2,314	3,741	3,481	2,719	2,318	1,459	1,234	39.8	37.7	10.9	10.1			3,027			
November	2,501	2,358							38.4	38.3	10.0	10.1			3,039			
December	3,151	2,405							32.2	35.1	7.4	8.0			3,047			
January	2,336	2,499	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	33.2	38.0	8.3	10.0			3,042			
February	2,281	2,453							36.3	38.1	9.7	10.6			3,039			
March	2,367	2,520							37.0	37.4	10.0	10.0			3,026			
April	2,391	2,484	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	36.3	35.5	9.3	9.4			3,012			
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							37.7	34.8	10.8	9.8			n.y.a.			

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: February \$135m, March \$134m, April \$135m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)								
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
						Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original
1978-79	April	232.80	231.40	571.3	n.a.	269.6	259.6	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0
	May			571.8	n.a.		263.3							
	June			589.5	n.a.		267.4							
1979-80	July	238.30	238.60	590.4	1.3	275.8	272.6	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2
	August			590.7	1.4		270.9							
	September			591.1	1.3		271.5							
	October	248.30	243.70	591.2	1.4	284.1	275.1	292.9	311.3	240.7	294.7	297.5	335.3	129.4
	November			594.8	1.5		276.2							
	December			595.1	1.6		281.2							
	January	245.70	250.90	621.9	1.2	290.3	286.9	295.2	316.8	247.0	296.5	302.8	340.6	133.8
	February			622.1	1.4		288.2							
	March			622.1	1.4		291.4							
	April			n.y.a.	1.4		293.4							
	May			n.y.a.	1.4		296.2							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

										Price indexes (a)		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)							
		Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building		Materials used in building other than house building		New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1978-79	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9	1,800.1	r1,724.4	32.4	r31.4	277.2	277.3	575.5	556.5	1,873.4	1,731.3			
	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7					278.7	278.6							
	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6					280.2	279.3							
1979-80	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6	1,876.2	r1,799.4	32.7	r31.2	283.6	285.2	531.9	524.0	1,531.1	1,559.7			
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5					287.6	288.5							
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.8	126.9					290.6	290.2							
	October	620.0	556.5	12.9	11.7	63.3	1,755.8	1,860.4	r32.0	r34.2	293.4	292.2	675.6	594.2	1,725.1	1,620.8			
	November	848.3	798.5	13.0	12.4	131.5					295.0	293.8							
	December	559.3	622.0	9.8	10.7	112.4					297.4	299.3							
	January	568.5	694.8	10.1	12.9	116.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	33.9	34.5	301.6	304.9	r536.8	r659.7	r1,514.2	r1,737.8			
	February	656.8	725.9	11.3	12.4	146.4					308.9	311.1							
	March	701.0	705.6	13.3	12.7	89.4					314.4	314.1							
	April	659.0	674.1	12.7	12.9	73.9					r317.2	315.7							
	May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					320.0	317.5							

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month		Savings banks – depositors’ balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation – value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue		
				Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m			Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m		
														Original	Seas. adj.	Original
1978-79	April	19,229	19,559	20,653	20,102	14,950	14,927	16,858	276	176	87	9.61	127.9	{	3,346	2,425
	May	19,462	19,739	19,902	20,195	15,030	14,948	17,046	355	183	109	9.70			3,233	2,215
	June	19,833	19,865	19,602	20,393	15,012	15,041	17,135	305	166	89	9.94			2,623	2,342
1979-80	July	19,927	19,952	19,550	20,456	15,252	15,213	17,453	303	165	91	9.94	497.2	{	1,889	2,396
	August	20,131	20,059	19,958	20,611	15,380	15,400	17,497	354	179	100	9.94			2,608	2,636
	September	20,247	20,095	20,313	20,785	15,708	15,657	17,681	305	173	87	9.95			1,855	2,554
	October	20,364	20,159	20,993	21,025	16,216	15,830	17,846	356	208	96	9.94	844.0	{	2,117	2,589
	November	20,412	20,325	21,459	21,514	16,408	16,176	18,135	312	213	103	9.96			2,749	2,594
	December	20,575	20,486	22,150	21,840	16,612	16,448	18,274	245	162	93	9.97			1,894	2,444
	January	20,774	20,720	22,996	22,288	16,562	16,721	18,338	342	182	94	10.38	517.3	{	2,632	2,811
	February	20,964	20,856	23,241	22,339	16,564	17,039	18,387	328	226	104	10.75			2,721	2,591
	March	20,849	20,973	23,394	22,427	16,831	17,190	18,536	330	240	107	11.20			2,719	2,824
	April	20,845	21,193	23,085	22,325	17,278	17,253	18,651	345	214	98	11.40	n.y.a.	{	3,967	2,763
	May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	22,441	22,917	17,609	17,514	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (5614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (a) (\$m)

Quarter		Final consumption expenditure												Gross fixed capital expenditure															
		Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Private				Government				Private				Public			
		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
AT CURRENT PRICES																													
1978-79	December	27,039	24,970	2,382	1,634	24,657	23,336	15,919	15,129	4,283	4,124	3,779	3,581	2,105	2,029														
	March	25,313	25,867	2,183	1,680	23,130	24,187	14,961	15,636	3,974	4,238	3,337	3,707	1,812	2,103														
	June	25,112	26,262	1,088	1,843	24,024	24,419	15,866	15,927	4,429	4,271	4,010	3,802	2,551	2,143														
1979-80	September	26,932	27,302	1,437	1,877	25,495	25,425	16,295	16,449	4,367	4,427	3,709	3,746	1,970	2,162														
	December	30,797	27,904	3,422	1,935	27,375	25,969	17,740	16,821	4,722	4,546	4,058	3,851	2,338	2,256														
	March	27,724	28,835	1,576	1,693	26,148	27,142	16,833	17,563	4,605	4,911	3,767	4,179	2,011	2,328														
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																													
1978-79	December	18,866	17,124	2,117	1,320	16,749	15,804	10,451	9,946	2,972	2,883	2,478	2,356	1,430	1,378														
	March	17,036	17,176	1,828	1,249	15,208	15,937	9,611	10,041	2,685	2,844	2,137	2,367	1,190	1,372														
	June	15,892	17,047	483	1,298	15,409	15,749	9,992	10,025	2,964	2,853	2,508	2,380	1,640	1,384														
1979-80	September	16,788	17,258	798	1,188	16,190	16,070	9,983	10,001	2,831	2,873	2,275	2,293	1,230	1,349														
	December	19,586	17,414	2,439	1,171	17,147	16,243	10,704	10,147	3,015	2,920	2,441	2,327	1,424	1,374														
	March	16,671	17,354	1,058	1,110	15,613	16,244	9,837	10,262	2,851	3,021	2,188	2,418	1,179	1,358														
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																													
Quarter		Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises		Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (b)	Household disposable income													
						Companies		Other																					
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original												
1978-79	December	4,277	4,323	3,981	3,854	3,273	2,807	6,775	5,618	11,066	13,559	1,737	21,152	2,932	19,957														
	March	4,301	4,301	4,227	4,330	2,369	2,796	6,015	5,789	13,754	14,206	1,538	20,220	3,686	18,072														
	June	4,606	4,619	4,606	4,595	2,715	2,800	4,925	6,061	14,295	14,327	475	21,807	5,616	16,667														
1979-80	September	4,565	4,527	4,780	4,837	2,994	2,981	5,923	6,130	14,824	14,878	785	21,831	3,169	19,447														
	December	4,997	5,029	5,660	5,477	3,666	3,121	8,324	6,377	15,558	15,100	2,662	23,656	3,495	22,823														
	March	5,333	5,326	5,525	5,662	2,827	3,340	5,753	6,161	15,363	15,632	874	22,337	4,297	18,913														

(a) Many of the figures on this page have been revised since the last issue. (b) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)

JOB
VACANCIES
(c) ('000)

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)
	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Original	Seas. adj. (c)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1978-79													
April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8	
May	4,118.9	4,111.4	2,321.0	2,315.3	6,439.9	6,426.9	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3
June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3	
1979-80													
July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5	
August	4,100.7	4,121.1	2,314.6	2,323.7	6,415.3	6,444.5	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0
September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5	
October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		178.1	133.5	76.2	195.9	191.8	387.8	
November	4,115.0	4,136.6	2,396.2	2,404.9	6,511.2	6,541.4	171.5	125.1	64.1	183.8	176.8	360.6	34.3
December	4,216.4		2,430.4		6,646.8		202.2	151.6	73.1	224.2	202.7	426.9	
January	4,179.9		2,337.0		6,516.9		226.9	154.1	56.9	242.3	195.5	437.8	
February	4,190.6	4,155.8	2,428.0	2,416.8	6,618.6	6,572.5	215.2	160.5	68.8	230.4	214.1	444.5	37.8
March	4,182.6		2,473.0		6,655.6		196.3	142.8	73.3	211.5	200.9	412.4	
April	4,156.6		2,440.0		6,596.5		192.9	146.3	65.3	206.9	197.5	404.5	
May	4,201.1	4,193.6	2,450.3	2,443.5	6,651.4	6,637.5	200.5	141.8	70.8	219.8	193.3	413.1	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) ('000)

Total civilian employees

Principal industries

Month	Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and retail trade	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79														
April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	1,162.0	999.0	999.4
May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.7	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	1,164.6	1,001.5	1,000.9
June (b)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	1,165.6	997.6	998.6
1979-80														
July (b)	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,463.8	3,469.4	1,516.2	1,509.8	1,163.4	1,166.5	997.6	1,000.2
August	3,101.9	3,107.3	1,884.8	1,886.1	4,986.7	4,993.4	3,469.9	3,479.7	1,516.8	1,513.7	1,165.1	1,169.0	996.6	1,001.5
September	3,104.1	3,113.0	1,892.6	1,892.6	4,996.7	5,005.6	3,479.8	3,488.0	1,516.8	1,517.6	1,167.5	1,170.3	1,002.9	1,006.9
October	3,107.1	3,116.2	1,900.7	1,895.8	5,007.8	5,012.0	3,491.6	3,492.6	1,516.3	1,519.4	1,170.7	1,169.3	1,007.9	1,007.5
November	3,112.3	3,115.1	1,908.3	1,896.2	5,020.7	5,011.3	3,503.4	3,490.7	1,517.3	1,520.6	1,168.8	1,165.9	1,019.5	1,011.8
December	3,110.4	3,112.4	1,901.4	1,902.1	5,011.7	5,014.5	3,498.8	3,490.4	1,512.9	1,524.1	1,163.1	1,166.0	1,022.5	1,008.8
January	3,111.9	3,120.1	1,883.2	1,906.4	4,995.1	5,026.5	3,489.5	3,504.8	1,505.6	1,521.7	1,163.8	1,169.0	1,013.1	1,017.3
February	3,115.6	3,111.8	1,899.4	1,903.1	5,015.0	5,014.9	3,494.1	3,494.7	1,520.9	1,520.2	1,166.1	1,162.3	1,007.7	1,010.9
March	3,120.8	3,111.3	1,908.6	1,904.7	5,029.4	5,016.0	3,502.9	3,493.6	1,526.5	1,522.4	1,168.1	1,161.2	1,007.3	1,009.2
April	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Affected by industrial dispute.

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